

Abstract

Reconfiguration of a Computer-based Printing System

5 The present invention relates to a system and a method
that facilitates the reconfiguration of one of more
printers (10,11,12) connected to a computer-based printing
system (1) so that the printers match the requirements of
a print job generated by the system. Each print job has
10 corresponding printing requirements, and each printer
(10,11,12) has a plurality of different printing
configurations that are capable of satisfying one or more
printing requirements. By comparing the printing
requirement and current printing configurations, the
15 system determines whether or not each print job can be
printed using the printers. When a print job cannot be
printed using the current printing configuration, at least
one reconfiguration of the printer configuration is
determined that would be capable of satisfying the
20 printing requirements. When this reconfiguration would
require manual reconfiguration of a printer, the system
(1) generates and presents to the user instructions for
manually reconfiguring the printer prior to printing of
the print jobs by the printing system.

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Figure 1